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New Jersey's Prospective Plantings

New Jersey: As of March 1, 2011, New Jersey farmers expect more acreage of corn, hay, and winter wheat while soybeans acreage is down slightly and sweet potato acreage remained unchanged from the previous year.

- **Corn** planted acreage is expected to total 85,000, up 5,000 acres from last year.
- **All hay** acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 110,000, up 5,000 acres from 2010.
- **Soybeans** planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, down 4,000 acres from a year ago.
- **Sweet potato** acreage is expected to total 1,300 acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Winter wheat** seeding for the 2011 season totaled 40,000, up 12,000 acres from last year.

U.S.: **Corn** growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. **Soybean** planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. The 2011 **winter wheat** planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2010 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2011

	New Jersey			US		
	2010	2011 ¹	% Change	2010	2011 ¹	% Change
--- 1,000 acres ---				--- 1,000 acres ---		
Corn	80	85	106	88,192	92,178	105
Hay, All ²	105	110	105	59,862	58,973	99
Soybeans	94	90	96	77,404	76,609	99
Sweet Potato	1.3	1.3	100	119.8	126.7	106
Winter Wheat	28	40	143	37,335	41,229	110

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2011 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{2/} Intended area harvested for 2011 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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